

Art and Architectural Review Board
DRAFT Minutes
March 3, 2023 at 10:00am
James Monroe Building, Rooms D & E
101 North 14th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

- 10:05am 1.1 **CALL TO ORDER**
Lynden Garland, Chair
Attendance: Calder Loth, Lynden Garland, Anne Smith, Jill Nolt, Rebecca Deeds
- 1.2 **PUBLIC COMMENT**
AARB Meetings are open for public comment. Rules for public comment can be obtained from the Department of General Services.
The following public comments were presented in reference to agenda item 3.3: Cyane Crump, Executive Director of Historic Richmond stated that she would like to see more attention paid to the Main Street façade in order for the design to be more pedestrian friendly and that tree usage on the Bank Street and 10th Street sides be minimized to preserve street and surrounding Capital Square view sheds.
- 1.3 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Motion to approve minutes from February 3rd Board meeting: Jill Nolt
Second: Calder Loth
Vote: 5Y, 0N
- 1.4 **OTHER BUSINESS**
No other business was presented

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 10:06am 2.1 **Virginia Community College System – NVCC Annandale Campus – Brault Sign Mod**
(Final Approval)
This project includes removing the vertical steel cables and wood slats in front of the Brault building. Also, reduce the size of the concrete monument in front of the building and cover it with updated signage colors and building name.
This project does not require DHR review.
Motion to approve: Jill Nolt
Second: Rebecca Deeds
Vote: 5Y, 0N
- 2.2 **Fort Monroe Authority – Water Line Replacement & Demolition**
(Final Approval)
The project is generally described as the replacement and in-place abandonment of approximately 6,000 linear feet of existing 14-inch diameter cast iron water main, appurtenances and structures owned by the Commonwealth of Virginia, along E. Mercury Boulevard between Old Buckroe Road and Fort Monroe. The existing water main is maintained by the FMA through a privatization contract with Veolia North America (Veolia). This aged infrastructure is believed to have been

installed during the mid-1940s; and, is need of replacement due to on-going operations and maintenance issues. As part of water main replacements, two (2) existing buildings will be demolished and removed with the affected area being restored to match existing conditions and elevations. Building 172, located at 10 Stilwell Drive (DHR ID 114-0002-0216) is a single-story, non-historic de-chlorination and outfall structure, occupying an area of approximately 300 square feet; and, Building 197, located at 12 Stilwell Drive (DHR ID 114-0002-0291) is a single-story, non-historic valve control structure, occupying an area of approximately 240 square feet. Both structures are believed to have been erected in 1996; and, are comprised of: masonry block with brick facades; doors, vents, flashings and other building penetrations; wood trim; and, an asphalt shingle and tar paper roofs with ridge vents.

DHR has been consulted and has no concerns.

Motion to approve: Jill Nolt

Second: Rebecca Deeds

Vote: 5Y, 0N

2.3 William and Mary – West 1 Housing and Dining

(Final Approval)

The demolition of Yates Hall.

Motion for final approval pending completion of DHR review.

Motion to approve: Jill Nolt

Second: Rebecca Deeds

Vote: 5Y, 0N

2.4 Virginia Commonwealth University – VCU Arts and Innovation Academic Building

(Final Approval)

This submission includes the approval request to demolish the existing structures at 501 West Broad St (Former McDonald's Restaurant), at 535 West Broad St former Hess Gas Station Outbuilding and the RAM Bikes Building at 201 North Belvidere Streets that are required to enable the construction of the new VCU Arts & Innovation Academic Building.

DHR has been consulted and has no concerns.

Motion to approve: Jill Nolt

Second: Rebecca Deeds

Vote: 5Y, 0N

2.5 University of Virginia – Davis Farm Outbuilding Demolition

(Final Approval)

The University of Virginia proposes to demolish two support structures at Davis Farm, a storage and former research facility south of the University's grounds in Albemarle County. Facility Number 1676 is a 646 square foot Quonset hut that was placed in this location circa 1965 to support research activity at the site. Since the research activity stopped in 1989, it has been used for storage and is currently in poor condition. Facility Number 1984 is a 576 square foot incinerator that was built in 1975 and recommissioned after research activity ceased.

Motion for final approval pending DHR review.

Motion to approve: Jill Nolt

Second: Rebecca Deeds

Vote: 4Y, 0N, 1Abs

2.6 Virginia Tech – Sheep Barn Shed Roof Extension

(Final Approval)

The Sheep Barn is located at the Southwest Virginia Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 12326 VPI Farm Road, Glade Spring, Virginia. The existing shed roof along the south face of the building is wood framed with a metal roof intended to cover sheep pens and related farm equipment. More area is needed for the number of sheep housed at the facility, therefore a 10'-0" long and a 50'-0" long expansion are being proposed in materials and form to match.

This project does not require DHR review.

Motion to approve: Jill Nolt

Second: Rebecca Deeds

Vote: 5Y, 0N

2.7 William and Mary – Renovation of Monroe Hall / Old Dominion Hall Lamps

(Final Approval)

Monroe and Old Dominion Halls are existing four-story brick dormitories of approximately 40,000SF each, which will be renovated to provide state of the art residence halls. The renovation will maintain the exterior architectural character of the building while improving the envelope by replacing the windows and roof. Existing bike storage areas will be repurposed for outdoor gathering spaces, to provide additional social space. Existing site lighting will be supplemented with campus standard poles. Existing brick walkways will be maintained or Restored. Our intent is to add (4) new campus standard LED post top lanterns to match the existing historical light fixtures surrounding the two buildings. The additional lighting will ensure the project complies with campus illumination standards as well as VCC requirements for exit discharge lighting. The existing campus standard fixture does not meet the current state code for "Shielded Outdoor Light Fixture" although it minimizes light trespass and skyglow per IESNA standards. The existing lamp posts are currently installed throughout the historic campus and provide a unifying element in the landscape. Consistency in the campus environment is important and we ask AARB support the University's request that the Campus standards lamps qualify as exempt purchases under the Virginia Public Procurement Act to meet the specific aesthetic needs of the campus. Alternative lamps that meet stated new light spill requirements 2 can not be mounted to the existing campus poles and will not match surrounding lamp posts on the site.

DHR has no concerns regarding this project.

Motion to approve: Jill Nolt

Second: Rebecca Deeds

Vote: 5Y, 0N

2.8 Department of General Services – Courts Building Demolition of East Tower

(Final Approval)

The project consists of the demolition of the existing 'Pocahontas East' Building situated at 900 East Main Street to make room for a new tower housing the Courts and Chambers of the Supreme Court of Virginia and Court of Appeals Courthouse for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The existing 'Pocahontas East' Building is a 7-story building dating from 1962, with a building area of approximately 200,000 square feet. The site resulting from the demolition of the building will house a new building addition to the historic 1935 Pocahontas West tower which will complete the Supreme Court of Virginia and Court of Appeals Courthouse for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Motion for final approval pending completion of DHR review (DHR will provide feedback by 3/17/2023).

Motion to approve: Jill Nolt

Second: Rebecca Deeds

Vote: 4Y, 0N, 1Abs

2.9 Virginia State University – Randolph Farm – Additions to High Tunnels Number 1&2

(Final Approval)

The project is generally described as the construction of a new covered, open sided composting facility for onsite biodegradable farm waste, associated structural foundations, and civil sitework including grading and storm-water management. The building materials include a green standing seam metal roof, matching the aesthetic of other metal roof facilities on the farm, and a treated lumber supporting structure.

DHR has reviewed and determined there are no adverse impacts to historical resources.

Motion to approve: Jill Nolt

Second: Rebecca Deeds

Vote: 5Y, 0N

2.10 Virginia State University– Randolph Farm Composting Facility

(Final Approval)

The project is generally described as the construction of a new covered, open sided composting facility for onsite biodegradable farm waste, associated structural foundations, and civil sitework including grading and storm-water management. The building materials include a green standing seam metal roof, matching the aesthetic of other metal roof facilities on the farm, and a treated lumber supporting structure.

DHR has reviewed and determined there are no adverse impacts to historical resources.

Motion to approve: Jill Nolt

Second: Rebecca Deeds

Vote: 5Y, 0N

2.11 Virginia State University – Randolph Farm - Construct High Tunnel Number 22

(Final Approval)

The project is generally described as the construction of a new covered, open sided composting facility for onsite biodegradable farm waste, associated structural foundations, and civil sitework including grading and storm-water management. The building materials include a green standing seam metal roof, matching the aesthetic of other metal roof facilities on the farm, and a treated lumber supporting structure.

DHR has reviewed and determined there are no adverse impacts to historical resources.

Motion to approve: Jill Nolt

Second: Rebecca Deeds

Vote: 5Y, 0N

2.12 Norfolk State University– Marty Miller Baseball Scoreboard Upgrade

(Final Approval)

The scope of this project is to abandon the current scoreboard in-place and locate a new scoreboard to the left. The existing scoreboard will be blanked-off and painted to match the outfield fence. The existing scoreboard's use and/or demolition is to-be-determined in the future. Reasoning: The NCAA & MEAC have stated that the current location of the existing scoreboard interferes with batters' eyes and attention during night games and has not allowed NSU to host night games in several years. Additionally, Left Center Field or Right Center Field are typical locations for scoreboards to be seen by both teams and spectators.

Motion for final approval pending NSU feedback regarding why the existing scoreboard is

not being removed as part of the project work.

Motion to approve: Jill Nolt

Second: Rebecca Deeds

Vote: 5Y, 0N

2.13 Virginia State University– South Campus Letters

(Final Approval)

VSU branding enhancement at the South Campus Entrance.

Motion for final approval pending DHR review of potential historical view shed impacts.

Motion to approve: Jill Nolt

Second: Rebecca Deeds

Vote: 5Y, 0N

2.14 Virginia State University – Guardhouse

(Final Approval)

VSU Guardhouse. Premanufactured building that is being purchased and installed on the VSU property.

Motion for final approval pending DHR review of potential historical view shed impacts.

Motion to approve: Jill Nolt

Second: Rebecca Deeds

Vote: 5Y, 0N

2.15 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services – Piedmont Geriatric Hospital Boiler Replacement

(Final Approval)

The Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) currently

operates a central boiler plant on its Nottoway County campus, serving the Virginia Center for Behavioral Health (VCBR) and Piedmont Geriatric Hospital (PGH). This plant was originally constructed in 1945 and is comprised of three boilers: 400 HP Hurst Hybrid H65 solid fuel/oil-fired (Boiler 1) installed in 2014, a 400 HP Cleaver Brooks oil-fired unit built in 1997 (Boiler 2), and a Kewanee/Lambion solid fuel-fired 200 HP boiler built-in 1985 (Boiler 3). The boiler plant originally used coal as the primary fuel and later switched to Biomass (sawdust/wood chips) and fuel oil several years ago. The boiler plant currently uses Switchgrass as the primary fuel source and fuel oil as a secondary source. Switchgrass is the Primary fuel for Boiler 1, the sole fuel for Boiler 3 and its replacement.

Motion for final approval pending DHR review to ensure the project meets the material standards of The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

Motion to approve: Jill Nolt

Second: Rebecca Deeds

Vote: 5Y, 0N

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

3.1 Virginia Tech – Mitchell Hall

(Preliminary Approval)

Mitchell Hall will replace Randolph Hall with a 5-story, 284,000 gross square foot academic building, and renovate a portion of Hancock Hall in order to transition it into a stand-alone building. The overall project scope includes associated site development, landscape, pedestrian hardscape, vehicular paving, and new utility routes or relocations.

A key component is the creation of a significant and accessible pedestrian pathway, a portion of the Green Links pathway system envisioned in Beyond Boundaries 2047: the Campus Plan.

Motion for preliminary approval pending completion of DHR review (DHR will provide feedback by 3/18/2023) and consideration of the following recommendations from the Board: Consider the aesthetic design at the top of the curtain wall located at the West entry plaza; Consider coordinating the color pairings between the metal and stone surfaces. Additionally, the Board would like to see the following at a future meeting date: More detailed renderings of the landscaping and lighting design plans; More detailed renderings of design aesthetics of the project overall; More detailed renderings of the projects materials; More detailed renderings of How the green link connects to the space surrounding the building structure; More detailed information regarding the screening; More detailed information regarding the skylight.

Motion to approve: Jill Nolt

Second: Rebecca Deeds

Vote: 5Y, 0N

3.2 Virginia State University – Renovate Summerseat for Urban Agriculture Center

(Preliminary Approval)

This project brings together all the College of Agriculture components onto one site to demonstrate research, promote agriculture instruction, and provide cooking classes/instruction to enhance the lives of the students and the surrounding community.

Area and Number of Stories: Three New Buildings: Food Demonstration Building – 3630 GSF, one story; Pavilion – 1140 GSF, 4 one story; Greenhouse – 2090 GSF, one story
Renovation: Summerseat – 1030 GSF, two story

Roof Forms: Gable and shed roofs

Exterior Materials: Brick, siding, standing-seam metal roofs, and wood columns/detailing

Motion for preliminary approval pending completion of DHR review (DHR will provide feedback by 3/21/2023) and consideration of the following recommendations from the Board: Consider the use of water throughout the entire precinct; Consider the size, access points and truck turn around in the maintenance area design; Consider the fencing design around entry points in order to balance the security aspect; Consider signage to help direct visitor traffic. Additionally, the Board would like to see the following at a future meeting date: More detailed renderings of the project design plans overall, landscaping design, lighting design and identify any changes made to the design based on the Board's recommendations.

Motion to approve: Calder Loth

Second: Anne Smith

Vote: 5Y, 0N

3.3 Department of General Services – Commonwealth Courts Building

(Preliminary Approval)

The project is a new Supreme Court of Virginia and Court of Appeals Courthouse for the Commonwealth of Virginia, located on the southern edge of historic Capitol Square in Richmond, Virginia. The site for the building consists of the historic 1935 Pocahontas West tower, which was originally a private bank, coupled with a new ground-up building located at the site of the current Pocahontas East building. The site is bounded by 9th Street to the west, Bank Street (and the Capitol Grounds) to the north, 10th Street and the historic Powell US Court of Appeals Courthouse to the east, and Main Street (along

with commercial development) to the south. The historic Commonwealth Hotel is in the northwest corner of the site. The building will be a new addition framing the urban landscape of Capitol Square's southern edge. The design of the new courthouse will exude the permanence and gravitas of the courts system in our society, and the role it plays in our Democracy. The design will respond to the unique demands of a 21st-century courthouse while integrating timeless organizational and proportional design elements. The architecture of the Courthouse will reflect its prominent location on this geographic threshold, and will be responsive to context and environment. The total building area for both the existing West and the new East Tower is approximately 315,000 GSF and includes thirty-one (31) parking spaces. Between the existing West Tower and the new East Tower, the building will have 18 stories total, which corresponds to the current number of stories of the existing West Tower.

Motion for preliminary approval pending continued consultation with DHR, provision of project design details, including architectural drawings, to DHR and consideration of the following recommendations from the Board: Consider using alternate design for the front façade facing Bank Street in order to better balance accessibility and the purpose of the building; Consider visitor traffic and their use of the structure in continuing the building entrance designs; Consider the design and aesthetic of the space located above the entrance doorways; Consider the aesthetic of the louvres located at the top of the structure's facades; Consider the landscape design on the Bank Street side of the structure in relation to the expanded design plan of Bank Street design project. Additionally, the Board would like to see more detailed renderings of the following at a later presentation: The adjacent wall structure, overall renderings of design features in the building, landscape and outdoor area designs, and of the view sheds impacted by the landscape design (to include surrounding areas).

Motion to approve: Rebecca Deeds

Second: Anne Smith

Vote: 4Y, 0N, 1Abs

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Next AARB Meeting is April 7, 2023.**

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm.